

REMARKS

Claims 23-37, 51-57, 61-66, 68-82, and 84-86 are pending in the above-identified application. In the non-final office action dated September 21, 2006, the Examiner made the following disposition:

- A.) Allowed claims 23-37, 51-57, 62-65, 69-82, and 84-86.
- B.) Rejected claims 66 and 68 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as allegedly being unpatentable over *Yahiro, et al.* in view of *Mitome, et al.* and further in view of *Magome*.

Applicants address the Examiner's disposition below. Claims 66 and 68 have been canceled.

- A.) Allowance of claims 23-37, 51-57, 62-65, 69-82, and 84-86:

Applicants respectfully acknowledge the Examiner's finding of allowable subject matter in claims 23-37, 51-57, 62-65, 69-82, and 84-86.

- B.) Rejection of claims 66 and 68 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as allegedly being unpatentable over *Yahiro, et al.* in view of *Mitome, et al.* and further in view of *Magome*:

Claims 66 and 68 have been canceled without prejudice.

In view of the foregoing, Applicants submit that the application is in condition for allowance. Notice to that effect is requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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